

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

FOURTH OF JULY TRIBUTE TO COMMUNITY SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize some of the brave men and women of our community and their families on the Fourth of July 2006.

On this day, our forefathers stood up to oppose tyranny, and these men were willing to fight for freedom and liberty. These men made difficult sacrifices for these principles. Today the battle for freedom is not over, and those tough sacrifices are still being made. It is only fitting that today we show our support and honor these patriots.

From the United States Air Force: SrA Crystal Lynn Chatham and CPT John Matthews; from the United States Air Force Reserves: MSgt James E. Schlieper; from the United States Army: SPC Bruce Liptak, SP1 John Moan, SPC Scott Meehan, E-4 David Michael Hallwirth, and SGT Eric Klemm; from the United States Marines: PFC Michael J. Powell II, COL Michael Naylor, and Colonel Naylor's son PFC Paul Naylor; from the United States National Guard: CAP Edward Bartsch; from the United States Navy: Seaman Christopher Jazbinsek and 1LT Anthony DiBucci.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring these courageous soldiers on this day of celebrating our Independence. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute these great Americans.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROXANNE BOYCE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Roxanne Boyce for her long and distinguished career as an educator and librarian.

Roxanne received her undergraduate degree in music from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and then went onto to earn a masters in music from Carnegie Mellon University. Utilizing the lessons learned at those fine academic institutions, Roxanne began her teaching career as an elementary school music specialist. She taught elementary school for 11 years in Pennsylvania and 1 year in Arizona before moving to Las Vegas in 1980. Over the course of her 26-year career with the Clark County School District, Roxanne has served as a reading specialist and librarian at the elementary, middle and high school level. After having outstanding success opening the libraries at several new schools in our growing

district, Roxanne accepted a position at Boulder City High School to revamp the ailing library in 1999. While at Boulder City High School, she successfully brought the library into the 21st century.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the career of Roxanne Boyce for devoting her career to advancing the quality of education. Her innovative approach and her passion for education have inspired countless students, teachers and community members. She has truly been an asset to Boulder City High School and to the entire community. I wish her the best in her retirement.

CONGRATULATING GERALD D. BANTOM, ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UAW

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate United Auto Workers International Union Vice President Gerald Bantom on the occasion of his retirement. Having joined the UAW in 1964, Mr. Bantom's career is a testament to hard work and dedication. While excellent leaders are waiting in the wings to continue the work Gerald started, his leadership in negotiating for quality benefits in these trying times with Ford Motor Company will certainly be missed.

A Detroit native, Bantom joined UAW Local 600 in 1964 when he started at the Specialty Foundry at Ford Motor Company's River Rouge complex. Quickly gaining the respect of his peers in Local 600, in 1971 he was elected to the bargaining committee of the Specialty Foundry Unit of the local. Having excelled in this he was reelected to a second term in 1975 and as chairperson in 1978.

When the Specialty Foundry was closed in 1980, Mr. Bantom transferred to the Dearborn Engine Plant where his leadership abilities were immediately recognized. He was appointed as a district committeeman in 1980, and the next year he won election to the plant bargaining committee.

In 1982 Gerald was appointed as an international representative and was assigned to the UAW-Ford National Development and Training Center where he stayed in varying capacities until 1986.

Beginning in 1988 Mr. Bantom served as an administrative assistant to two successive UAW vice presidents and directors of the union's National Ford Department, Stephen P. Yokich and Ernest Lofton. During this time, when Ford Motor Co. was earning record profits and had hired more than half its current workforce, Gerald played an integral role in negotiating landmark collective bargaining agreements.

Following this hard work he was elected and served as director of UAW Region 1A—a position he would represent with distinction until

the UAW's 33rd Constitutional Convention on June 5, 2002 in Las Vegas, NV, where he was elected vice president.

After becoming vice president, Gerald Bantom immediately faced the difficult task of negotiating supplemental agreements for workers at Visteon and Automotive Components Holdings, changes in the UAW-Ford health care plan, and early retirement packages for UAW's Ford workers.

While his retirement leaves a void in the UAW leadership that will be difficult to fill, his work in mentoring a new generation of UAW leaders means that a significant part of his legacy has yet to be written. Regardless of how Gerald Bantom's final story will be, the leadership and passion he has brought to the UAW has provided a sterling role model for future labor leaders. On behalf of working Americans and a grateful Congress, Mr. Bantom, I thank you.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF JUDGE JOHN MANOS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 11, 2006

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Judge John Manos, devoted father, grandfather, veteran, community leader and outstanding jurist.

Judge Manos grew up in Cleveland, OH, the son of Greek immigrants. He attended Lincoln High School followed by the Case School of Applied Sciences. There, he was captain of the football team and earned a degree in metallurgical engineering. Judge Manos served in the Navy for 2 years before returning to Cleveland to become an engineer. Over the next 4 years, he earned a law degree from Cleveland Marshall Law School. Judge Manos practiced law for 13 years before then Governor James Rhodes selected him to fill a vacancy in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. He remained at the court until 1969 when he was appointed to the Eighth Ohio District Court of Appeals, and finally to United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio by President Ford in 1976.

Judge Manos developed a solid reputation for preparedness and fairness during his tenure in the courtroom. Even through extreme illness and hospitalization, Judge Manos continued hearing legal matters and continued to render thoughtful and poignant decisions. His commitment to quality lawyers and judges went beyond the bench when he set up an intern program where students witnessed proceedings and then performed research in order to grasp the multifaceted prism that is the American legal system. Aside from his professional achievements, Judge Manos was an active member and leader in numerous civic and legal organizations, including the Cleveland Chapter of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, Federation of Community Planning, the visiting committee for physical education and athletics of

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